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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [1001] with the following amended paragraph:

*A* [1001] This application is related to co-pending and commonly owned U.S. Patent Application No. 09/992,720 ~~XX/xxx,xxx~~, entitled, "Validation Technique for Bulk Lock Delegation," and naming Laurent P. Daynès, filed on even date herewith, November 14, 2001, the entirety of which is incorporated herein by reference.